CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	V	Force	V	Discourt.	U.S.
Kelly Lyon		Squad #11	202008487	$ _{\Box}$	Abuse		O.L.	✓ Injury
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Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		F	Precinct:	18	Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Sunday, 05/31/2020 10:00 PM		6th Avenue and West 4	Oth Street		14	11	/30/2021	5/4/2022
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported:		Date/Time	Rece	eived at CCI	RB
Sat, 07/04/2020 4:16 AM		Mayor's Office	On-line website		Tue, 12/29	/2020	0 11:27 AM	I
Complainant/Victim	Туре	Home Addre	SS					
Witness(es)		Home Addre	ss					
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
1. POM Asar Rhymer	19679	959131	SRG 3					
2. SGT David Lamarre	03547	947929	SRG 3					
3. An officer								
4. CPT Joseph Taylor	00000	924542	SRG 3					
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name					
1. POM Cleeford Franklin	04885	953880	SRG 4					
2. POM Jason Ciota	01410	951615	SRG 3					
3. POM Christophe Mcgrane	16264	966702	100 PCT					
4. POM Elvir Lekperic	05826	960793	SRG 3					
5. POM Matthew Kokoruda	18375	944705	E S U					
6. DTS Rodney Pugh	01923	927379	SRG 3					
7. POM Thomas Bucholz	24774	962958	MTS PCT					
8. POM Harvey Rabel	18646	937321	SRG 3					
9. POM Peter Gravagna	26245	948347	SRG 4					
10. POM Kerry White	18586	942697	SRG 4					
11. POM Christophe Reiff	04719	951124	SRG 3					
12. POF Jessica Clinton	17324	960376	SRG 3					
13. POM Richard Sheridan	28443	926114	SRG 5					
14. POM Dennis Ustelimov	13541	957238	SRG 3					
15. POM Louis Delia	14055	955865	SRG 4					
16. POM Amel Cirikovic	20416	958411	SRG 3					
17. POM Ismael Remigio	03066	947391	SRG 1					
18. POM David Cardona	16573	960324	SRG 4					

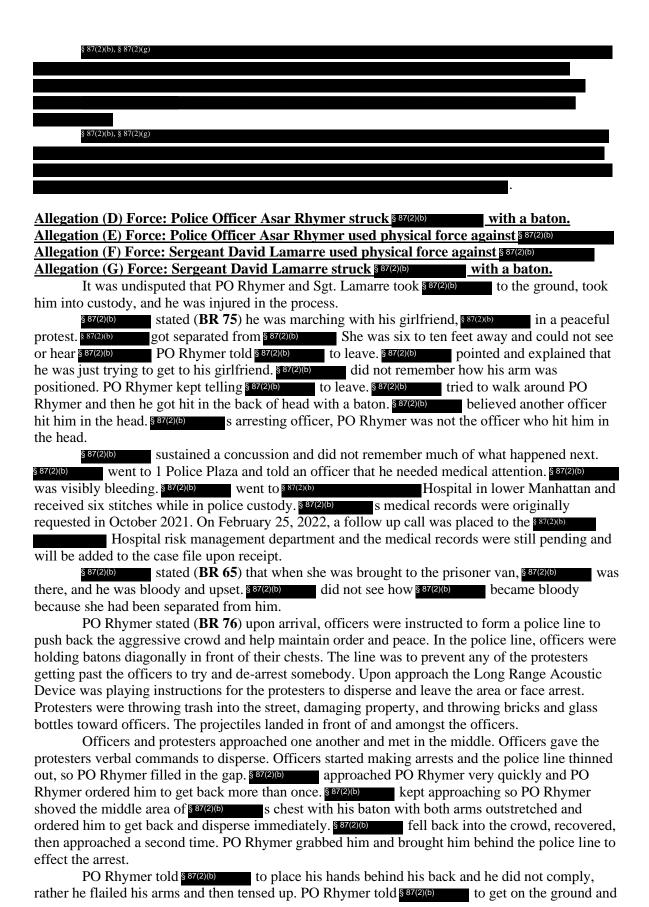
Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name	
19. POM Robert Jeannetti	12017	960729	SRG 1	
20. POM Tseten Namgyal	02481	964675	043 PCT	
21. POM Jorge Santiago	22110	958054	SRG 2	
22. POM Richard Kaplan	23199	957725	SRG 4	
23. POM Adham Bright	00797	964405	MTS PCT	
24. SGT Angel Vazquez	5471	951374	TB DT04	
25. POM Sean Crowley	28690	964466	MTS PCT	
26. POM Anthony Castrillon	01854	963441	017 PCT	
27. POM Curtis Valley	21488	927622	SRG 1	
28. SGT Kandou Worley	05477	945113	SRG 1	
29. SGT Tawana Harvey	04587	943357	104 PCT	
30. POM Christophe Emmart	13299	960496	SRG 4	
31. SGT Alexander Delgado	3116	955864	013 PCT	
32. LT Cory Weiner	00000	947600	SRG 1	
33. POM Edward Curry	11538		MTS PCT	
34. SGT Adiv Koenig	04459	935124	SRG 3	
35. SSA Jose Vega	03773	916855	DIS CTL	
36. POF Kellie Hughes	19506	958713	SRG 5	
37. DC John Dadamo	00000	913627	SRG	
38. DI Andrew Hillery	00000	925457	SRG 1	
39. POM Thomas Stech	16049	940765	SRG 4	
40. POM Christophe Boria	26858	953693	SRG 4	
41. POF Jacqueline Vargas	05252	939634	SRG 1	
42. POM Jose Cruz	21729	921245	SRG 1	
43. POM Robert Luckert	31654	930606	SRG 4	
44. POM Rafael Rispoli	12456	956201	SRG 2	
45. INS Gerard Dowling	00000	915640	SRG	
46. SGT Beatrice Shafidiya	04079	939456	SRG 3	

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A. An officer	Force: An officer struck §87(2)(b) with a baton.	
B. An officer	Force: An officer used pepper spray against § 87(2)(b)	
C. An officer	Force: An officer used physical force against § 87(2)(b)	
D.POM Asar Rhymer	Force: Police Officer Asar Rhymer struck \$87(2)(b) with a baton.	
E.POM Asar Rhymer	Force: Police Officer Asar Rhymer used physical force against § 87(2)(b)	
F.SGT David Lamarre	Force: Sergeant David Lamarre used physical force against \$87(2)(6)	
G.SGT David Lamarre	Force: Sergeant David Lamarre struck \$87(2)(b) with baton.	а
H.CPT Joseph Taylor	Force: Captain Joseph Taylor used physical force against \$87(2)(b)	

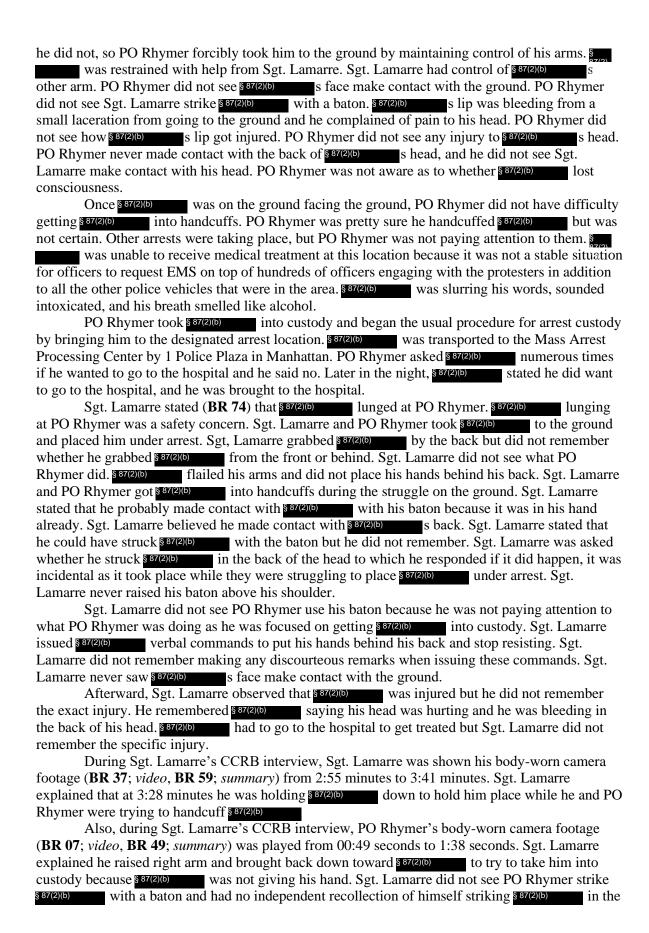
Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
I.CPT Joseph Taylor	Discourtesy: Captain Joseph Taylor spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(b)	

Case Summary On July 4, 2020, § 87(2)(b) filed this complaint with the Mayor's Office online. It was forwarded to the Police Commissioner's Office on July 9, 2020. On December 08, 2020, it was received by IAB under PCO report IAB# 2020-001-492, which was generated from PC# 2020-MCU #887(2)(b) On December 29, 2020, it was received at the CCRB under IAB log #2020-29069. On May 31, 2020, at approximately 10:00 p.m., in the vicinity of Bryant Park and 6th Avenue in Manhattan, § 87(2)(b) was with his friend § 87(2)(b) at a protest which consisted of at least 200 protesters. §87(2)(b) heard an officer say over the loudspeaker something to the effect of, "They've become violent, go." Approximately 20 to 30 officers started running toward the crowd swinging batons. §87(2)(b) was hit on his right lower ribs and left forearm with a baton, but he did not see who hit him (Allegation A: Force, \$87(2)(9) Before officers began making arrests, another protester, § 87(2)(6) sprayed by an unidentified officer (Allegation B: Force, \$87(2)(g)). Officers began taking protesters into custody and another protester, §87(2)(b) was taken to the ground by an officer (Allegation C: Force, § 87(2)(g)). § 87(2)(b) s boyfriend, § 87(2)(b) became separated from her and was struck with a baton by PO Asar Rhymer of SRG 3 (Allegation PO Rhymer and Sgt. David Lamarre of SRG 3 took § 87(2)(b) and Sgt. Lamarre allegedly struck ground (Allegations E and F: Force, § 87(2)(g) in the back of the head with his baton (Allegation G: Force, \$87(2)(g) Captain Joseph Taylor of SRG 3 took another protester, \$87(2)(b) to the ground and struck him in the head with his hand (Allegation H: Force, \$87(2)(g) § 87(2)(b) taken into custody and brought near the prisoner vans to wait to be transported. § 37(2)(b) the ground when Captain Taylor said, "Can you stand, buddy? Come on, you're already collared, it's over. Don't be a jerkoff," to \$87(2)(b) (Allegation I: Discourtesy, \$87(2)(g) More than 40 officers from various commands were present during this protest. This incident resulted in numerous arrests and summonses. The investigation received 48 body-worn camera videos (BR 01, BR 02, BR 03, BR 04, BR 05, BR 06, BR 07, BR 08, BR 09, BR 10, BR 11, BR 12, BR 13, BR 14, BR 15, BR 16, BR 17, BR 18, BR 19, BR 20, BR 21, BR 22, BR 23, BR 24, BR 25, BR 26, BR 27, BR 28, BR 29, BR 30, BR 31, BR 32, BR 33, BR 34, BR 35, BR 36, BR 37, BR 38, BR 39, BR 40, BR 41, BR 42, BR 43, BR 44, BR 45, BR 46, BR 47, and BR 48; videos, BR 49, BR 50, BR 51, BR 52, BR 53, BR 54, BR 55, BR 56, BR 57, BR 58, BR 59, BR 60, and BR 61; summaries). Relevant portions are discussed below. **Findings and Recommendations** Allegation (A) Force: An officer struck § 87(2)(b) with a baton. Allegation (B) Force: An officer used pepper spray against §87(2)(b) Allegation (C) Force: An officer used physical force against \$87(2)(6) Known facts and general descriptions stated (BR 62) that after officers started running toward the crowd, swinging batons, and tackling people to the ground who were attempting to flee, a male officer with an olive complexion late twenties to early thirties, who was 6'0" tall with an athletic build, wearing riot gear and a helmet grabbed §87(2)(b) by the shirt collar and threw him backward to the ground, and his other friends dragged him away from officers and they all got away. §87(2)(b) was not injured. stated (BR 63) that he was hit on his right lower ribs and his left forearm with a baton, and he did not see who hit him. Then, a male officer in his forties to fifties, with a smaller build, who was 5'10" tall with facial hair, and wearing a helmet, said, "Alright, let's go," looked at and grabbed him. §87(2)(b) was then pulled away by other people back into the

fell onto the ground and people picked him up and tossed him back into the crowd. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ provided a photo of himself (BR 64). \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ is a \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ who is \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ and weighs \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ had short hair and was wearing a bandana, a book bag, and goggles. PO Kerry White's body-worn camera (BR 04 ; video, BR 51 , summary) shows \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ being sprayed with pepper spray at 1:26 minutes. The pepper spray comes from the left side of the screen and does not capture the officer using the pepper spray. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ stated (BR 65) that she was separated from \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ when police started shouting to "get back." People started running and \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ dropped her phone. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ bent over to pick up her phone, a young male officer who was 5'11" tall with a muscular build came from behind, grabbed her, and threw her to the ground. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ felt the officer grab her with two arms as if he was hugging her. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ s hand, knees, and elbows were scraped and bruised. She did not seek medical treatment afterward.
Body-worn camera footage Of the 48 body-worn camera videos, none of the videos captured strip getting hit with a baton or being grabbed by an officer. None of the videos captured strip being brought to the ground. Strip (BR 04; video, BR 51; summary) at 1:26 minutes. The video shows that the pepper spray came from the left side of the screen, but it does not depict the officer who used the pepper spray, nor is it clear where that officer was in relation to PO White. None of the remaining body-worn camera videos depict the officer who used pepper spray.
There were no AIDED reports or TRIs associated with \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ (BR 66 and BR 67). There were no medical treatment of prisoner forms or TRIs associated with \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ (BR 68 and BR 69). \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ s name did not appear in the mass arrest report (BR 70), and she was not issued any summonses in the 14th Precinct (BR 71 and BR 72).
Captain Taylor (BR 73) was a commanding officer of a mobile field force assigned to this protest. He believed the group of protesters were determined to be unlawful and officers were going to make arrests. Typically, the Legal Bureau makes the determination that it is a lawful assembly, but Captain Taylor could not remember specifically whether the Legal Bureau did on the day of this incident. Officers proceeded to effect some arrests. Because it was an unlawful assembly, everyone who was there was subject to arrest. Captain Taylor did not recall whether any objects were thrown at officers. Numerous arrests were made. Captain Taylor did not see any officers engage pepper spray prior to arrests occurring. Sgt. Lamarre stated (BR 74) that officers moved in a line and told the crowd to "get back." Sgt. Lamarre held his baton at a diagonal angle in front of his chest. Several protesters refused to move so Sgt. Lamarre pushed them. Sgt. Lamarre stated this was standard procedure for dispersing a crowd. Most of the crowd did not disperse, so officers began making arrests. Sgt. Lamare did not remember seeing any officer use pepper spray.
Conclusions \$ 87(2)(b), \$ 87(2)(g)



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head with a baton. According to the TRI (**BR 77**), PO Rhymer stated that § 87(2)(b) moved in front of the protesters to confront officers in the police line. PO Rhymer used his baton to prevent \$87(2)(b) from attacking him and used his baton to push \$87(2)(b) to the ground. \$87(2)(b) hit his face on the pavement causing injury. On the ground, \$87(2)(b) resisted arrest. \$87(2)(b) was also highly intoxicated. A medical treatment of prisoner report was prepared indicating that \$87(2)(b) initially refused medical treatment at the command and was transported to the hospital at 4:50 a.m. for a head injury (BR 96). PO Rhymer's body-worn camera shows (BR 07; video, BR 49; summary) at 00:50 seconds, walking toward PO Rhymer and PO Rhymer pushes him backward into the crowd of gets back up and quickly approaches PO Rhymer a second time. PO Rhymer takes \$87(2)(b) to the ground and \$87(2)(b) is shown with his face on the ground at 1:03 minutes. Sgt. Lamarre appears to strike \$87(2)(b) on the back of his body but the video does not depict which body part. At 1:32 minutes, \$87(2)(b) is handcuffed. At 1:44 minutes, \$87(2)(b) begins to stand up and his mouth is bleeding. Sgt. Lamarre's body-worn camera shows (**BR 37**; video, **BR 59**; summary) at 2:57 minutes, on the lefthand side of the screen. § 87(2)(b) quickly approaches PO Rhymer, who is to the left of Sgt. Lamarre but out of the frame. Sgt. Lamarre immediately assists PO Rhymer in taking § \$7(2)(b) to the ground. Sgt. Lamarre is holding his baton in his right hand. Sgt. Lamarre and PO Rhymer appear to struggle to get \$87(2)(b) on the ground into handcuffs. At 3:40 minutes, § 87(2)(b) is in handcuffs. NYPD Patrol Guide procedure 221-01 (BR 78) states that force may be used when it is reasonable to place a person in custody or to prevent escape from custody. Any application of force must be reasonable under the circumstance and the following should be considered in determining whether it is reasonable: The nature and severity of the crime/circumstance, actions taken by the subject, duration of the action, immediacy of perceived threat or harm to the subject, MOS, or bystanders, whether the subject is actively resisting custody, whether the subject is attempting to evade arrest by flight, number of subjects in comparison to number of MOS, size, age, and condition of subject compared to that of the MOS, subject's violent history, presence of hostile crowd or agitators, and whether the subject is apparently under the influence of stimulants/narcotics. § 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g) § 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g) § 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g) Allegation (H) Force: Captain Joseph Taylor used physical force against §87(2)(6)

It was undisputed that Captain Taylor struck \$87(2)(b) with his hand and used discourteous language when giving him orders.

\$87(2)(b) did not wish to provide a statement to the CCRB (**BR 79**).

Allegation (I) Discourtesy: Captain Joseph Taylor spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(5)

Captain Taylor stated (**BR 73**) that he encountered and tried to take him into custody. An officer assisted Captain Taylor, but he did not recall their name. Captain Taylor did not recall whether he initiated the arrest. [\$37(2)(b)] fell to the ground and refused to give his hands. Captain Taylor did not remember whether [\$37(2)(b)] was taken to the ground. Captain Taylor was pulling on [\$37(2)(b)] s arms and asked him to show his hands numerous times. Once Captain Taylor got his arms, [\$37(2)(b)] refused to open his hands. Captain Taylor tried to physically open s hands with his own hands to make sure there was not anything in [\$37(2)(b)] s hands that could hurt him. At least one of [\$37(2)(b)] s hands was in a fist. Captain Taylor said, "Open up your hand," several times. Captain Taylor stated that he maybe said, "Open up your fucking hand." Captain Taylor did not hear any other officer say, "Open your fucking hands." The area was very chaotic and other arrests were occurring in the general vicinity.

Captain Taylor struck (\$ 87(2)(b) in the side of his head with his right hand to gain compliance. Captain Taylor did not remember whether he used an open or closed fist. (\$ 87(2)(b) was taken into custody. (\$ 87(2)(b) and did not complain of any injuries. Captain Taylor was not aware of (\$ 87(2)(b) and needing any medical treatment.

After \$37(2)(b) was placed into handcuffs, he needed to be carried to the prisoner transport vehicle because he was passively resisting. Captain Taylor carried \$37(2)(b) part of the way with at least one other officer. Captain Taylor carried \$37(2)(b) s legs until another officer took over for him. Captain Taylor did not remember saying, "Start fucking walking."

When \$87(2)(6) was waiting to go into the transport vehicle, Captain Taylor was trying to clear the street a little bit by asking everyone to move over. Captain Taylor said, "Move, it's over, let's go," to \$87(2)(6) who was laying on the ground. Captain Taylor said, "Don't be a jerkoff," to \$87(2)(6) Captain Taylor explained that he used that phrase because it was the heat of the moment, and it was very chaotic. Captain Taylor wanted \$87(2)(6) to stop being difficult and move along. Prisoners were secured in transport vehicles and arrests were processed.

During Captain Taylor's CCRB interview, his body-worn camera footage (**BR 40**; *video*, **BR 59**; *summary*) was played from 3:05 minutes to 4:11 minutes. Captain Taylor did not recognize the voice who said, "fucking ground," to strictly at 3:08 minutes and he did not remember saying it himself. Captain Taylor did not know who said, "Fucking hands," from 3:17 minutes to 3:24 minutes. Captain Taylor did not remember if he was the one who said, "fucking hand," from 3:47 minutes to 3:52 minutes. Captain Taylor explained that he was the one who said, "Open up your fucking hand," from 4:03 minutes to 4:09 minutes because he was trying to gain compliance, trying to get strictly into custody, was afraid that strictly had something in his hand that could hurt him, and because strictly was asked numerous times. Captain Taylor was not trying to cause alarm, be discourteous, demean strictly or offend him. Captain Taylor never heard PO Ustelimov, the officer who was assisting him, use profanity toward strictly.

The video was played from 5:26 minutes to 5:38 minutes, during which, says something about his "fucking mask." Captain Taylor stated he could have been the one who said, "Start fucking walking," because it was a chaotic situation, and he was trying to get say(2)(b) to comply.

Captain Taylor's body-worn camera footage (**BR 40**; *video*, **BR 59**; *summary*) shows at 11:55 minutes, Captain Taylor asking arresting officers to move the line over toward the prisoner vans. Solvento is sitting on the ground. Captain Taylor says, "Can you stand, buddy? Come on, you're already collared, it's over. Don't be a jerkoff."

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condition of subject compared to that of the MOS, subject's violent history, presence of hostile crowd or agitators, and whether the subject is apparently under the influence of stimulants/narcotics.

<u>NYPD Patrol Guide</u> procedure 200-02 (**BR 80**) states that officers are to respect the dignity of each individual and render services with courtesy and civility.

NYPD Disciplinary Case #79627/04 (**BR 81**), states discourteous language may be justified when attempting to gain compliance with an order while attempting to maintain order during a stressful street encounter.

In DAO-DCT Case Number 2015-15012 (**BR 82**), the court held that an officer is not permitted to use profanity when the profanity serves no legitimate purpose but to belittle the civilian.



Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- § 87(2)(b)
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- This is the first CCRB complaint to which \$87(2)(b) and have been a party (**BR 85**, **BR 86**, **BR 87**, and **BR 88**).
- PO Rhymer has been a member of service for six years and this is the first CCRB complaint to which he has been named a subject.
- Sgt. Lamarre has been a member of service for 13 years and named a subject in 10 additional CCRB complaints and 17 allegations, two of which were substantiated.
 - o 201604671 involved a substantiated allegation of a vehicle search. The Board recommended Command Discipline A and the NYPD imposed no penalty.
 - 202004315 involved a substantiated allegation of a discourteous word. The Board recommended Command Discipline A and the NYPD has yet to impose discipline.
- Captain Taylor has been a member of service for 22 years and named a subject in four additional CCRB complaints and 12 allegations, three of which were substantiated.
 - 202107634 involved substantiated allegations of a discourteous action, a discourteous word, and a false official statement. The Board recommended charges and the NYPD has yet to impose discipline.

Mediation, Civil, and Criminal Histories

- This complaint was not suitable for mediation.
- On February 25, 2022, a FOIL request was submitted to the New York City Office of the Comptroller to inform of any Notice of Claim filed in regard to this incident, the results of which will be added to the case file upon receipt (**BR 89**).
- According to the Office of Court Administration (OCA), \$87(2)(5)
 and \$87(2)(5)
 have no record of criminal convicitons in New
 York City (BR 90, BR 91, BR 92, BR 93, and BR 94).
- § 87(2)(I

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Squad Leader: _	Edwin Pena Signature	IM Edwin Pena Print Title & Name	02/28/22 Date
Reviewer:	Signature	Print Title & Name	Date